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In re :  
Patent No. 6,972,929 : DECISION ON PETITION  
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This is a decision on the "PETITION FOR DUPLICATE U.S. LETTERS PATENT", filed January 25, 2006, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is **GRANTED**.

The Publishing Division is directed to issue a duplicate Letters Patent.

Any questions concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207. Any questions concerning issuance of the duplicate Letters Patent should be directed to Krystal Paige at (703)308-9250, extension 139.

A copy of this decision is being forwarded to the Publishing Division for issuance of a duplicate Letters patent.

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